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SUBJECT: JSP PLANS MISSION TO UNITED STATES

SUMMARY: JSP HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO SEND MISSION TO UNITED STATES, BUT HAS NOT FIRMED UP DEFINITE PLANS OR DATES. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 24, DURING CAMPAIGN TOUR PRESS CONFERENCE IN KAGOSHIMA, JSP SECGEN MASASHI ISHIBASHI SAID THAT HIS PARTY PLANS TO SEND DELEGATION TO UNITED STATES TO PROMOTE ACQUISITION OF STABLE FOOD SUPPLY FOR JAPAN. HE SAID PARTY ALSO PLANNED SIMILAR MISSIONS TO CHINA, SOVIET UNION, NORTH KOREA, EASTERN EUROPE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES TO EXPLORE WAYS TO SECURE STABLE FOOD AND MINERAL SUPPLIES.

2. ISHIBASHI ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID MISSION WILL SEEK TO DRAW U.S. PUBLIC OPINION TO JSP PRINCIPLES OF PEACE, NON-ALLIANCE, AND NEUTRALITY. HE ADDED THAT DELEGATION WOULD MEET CONGRESSMEN AND LEADERS OF PACIFIST AND ANTI-WAR MOVEMENTS IN UNITED STATES IN
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ORDER TO FACILITATE UNDERSTANDING OF JSP DIPLOMATIC POLICY.

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3. COMMENT: JSP OFFICIAL CALLED EMBASSY PRIOR TO ISHIBASHI PRESS CONFERENCE TO ADVISE US SECGEN INTENDED TO MAKE STATEMENT ON MISSION TO U.S. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT PARTY PLANS ARE STILL TENTATIVE AND JSP HAS NO SPECIFIC DATE IN MIND FOR VISIT. JSP HAS RAISED SUBJECT OF U.S. VISIT WITH EMBASSY BEFORE (MOST RECENTLY IN 1972). NONE OF THESE PLANS, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN REALIZED, AND LAST JSP MISSION TO U.S. WAS THAT LED BY THEN CHAIRMAN JOTARO KAWAKAMI 17 YEARS AGO. RAISING PROSPECT OF U.S. VISIT IN CAMPAIGN CONTEXT SIMPLY MAY BE DEVICE TO DEMONSTRATE TO ELECTORATE THAT JSP TOO CAN OPERATE IN MAJOR LEAGUES OF RESOURCE DIPLOMACY. ON ANOTHER LEVEL, IT MAY BE SIGNAL THAT JSP, FINDING THAT SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION HAS NOT WORKED TO PARTY'S DOMESTIC ADVANTAGE, HOPES TO PROMOTE MORE REALISTIC DIALOGUE WITH U.S. AND IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT SENDING MISSION.
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